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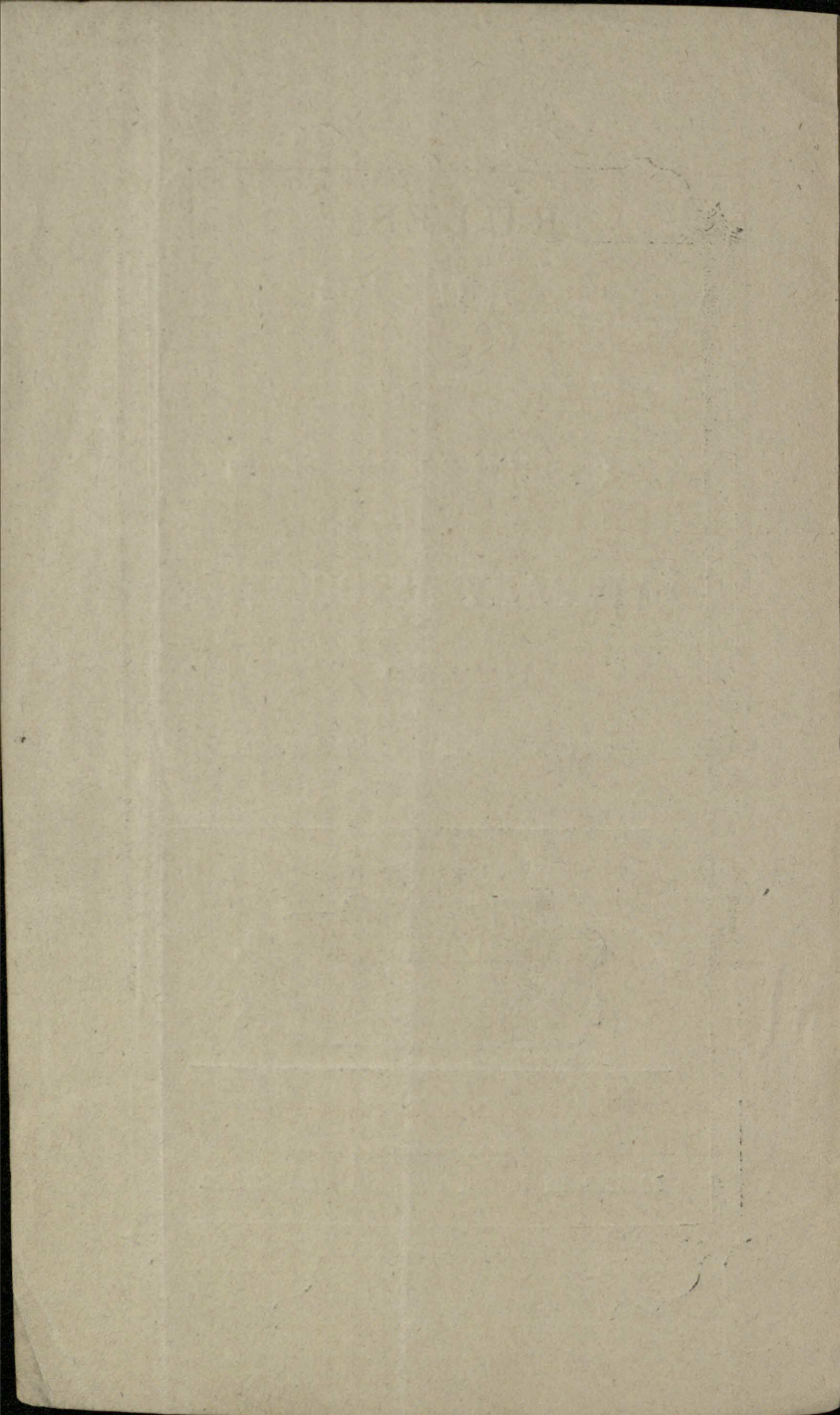
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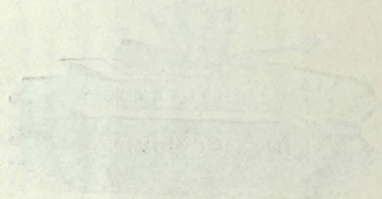
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CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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RESOLUTIONS.

AT a meeting held in the Upperbridge School, on Friday Evening, the 29th of January, 1847, for the purpose of forming a Literary Association, in connection with the Church of England, for the Graveship of Holme and Vicinity.

JOSEPH CHARLES WORTH, Esq., in the Chair

RESOLVED 1st. That it is expedient to form a Literary Association, in connection with the Church of England, for the Graveship of Holme and Vicinity.

Moved by Rev. THOMAS JAMES,
Seconded by Mr. JAMES CHARLESWORTH.

2nd. That the rules read by the Rev. T. G. Fearne, with the emendations now proposed, be adopted as the fundamental rules of the Association.

Moved by T. H. MARTIN, Esq.
Seconded by Mr. T. NETHERWOOD.

3rd. That the following Gentlemen constitute the Officers and Council of the Association:—

President,

REV. T. G. FEARNE.

Vice-President,

JOSEPH CHARLESWORTH, Esq.

Honorary Secretary,

MR. JOSHUA CHARLESWORTH

Assistant Secretaries,

MR. WILLIAM CRAWSHAW.

MR. THOMAS LISTER CHARLESWORTH.

Treasurer,

MR. JAMES CHARLESWORTH.

Collectors,

MR. G. H. HINCHLIFF | MR. B. THEWLIS

Council,

MR. G. HINCHLIFF	T. H. MARTIN. ESQ.
MR. W. HINCHLIFF	MR. R. BOWER
MR. N. THEWLIS	MR. G. THEWLIS
MARTIN KIDD, ESQ.	MR. J. BOOTHROYD
MR. JOHN H. FARRAR	MR. J. LOMAX
MR. JAMES H. FARRAR	MR. R. RAMSDEN
MR. BURTON	MR. J. CROSLAND

Moved by Mr. J. CROSLAND,
Seconded by Mr. N. THEWLIS.

4th. That the thanks of this meeting be given
to the Chairman for his kind and efficient services.

Moved by Mr. G. THEWLIS,
Seconded by Mr. R. BOWER.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
Church of England Literary Association
FOR THE
GRAVESHIP OF HOLME AND VICINITY.

The object of the Association

The object of this Society shall be, the diffusion of Church of England principles, and Ecclesiastical and Useful Knowledge.

LAWS.

Qualification of Officers.

LAW I All the *Officers of the Association and Members of the Committee*, shall be members of the Church of England.

Council.

II.—1. This Association shall be under the direction of

a President—a Clergyman,
a Vice-President—a Layman,
a Treasurer,
and Honorary Secretary,

who with the Clergy of the Graveship, the Incumbent of Netherthong, the Minister of Thurstonland, and thirteen Laymen shall constitute the Council:

2. The thirteen Laymen last mentioned shall, after the expiration of the first twelve months, be selected from the members of the Association, whose names shall have been enrolled not less than one year. The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Honorary Secretary, shall be permanent officers.

Election of members of Council.

3. Two members of the Council shall go out of office annually, such members being determined by lot at the annual meeting of the Association, (provided there be no vacancies) and two others shall then be chosen in their place. Every member of the Association shall be entitled to a vote.

A Quorum.

4. Five members of the council shall form a quorum.

Summons to Special Meetings of the Association and of the Council.

5. Special meetings of the Association, or the special meetings of the council, shall be summoned by circulars, to be left at the usual place of abode of each member, or by post, at least three days before such meeting takes place: and the notices summoning the special meetings of the council shall always specify the object of such meeting.

The Monthly Meeting of the Council.

6. The council shall meet on the last Friday evening of each month, in the rooms of the

Association, at Seven o'clock, for the purpose of admitting members of the Association and the transaction of the usual routine of business. The President and Secretary shall be at all times empowered to summon a meeting of the council.

The Veto.

III.—1. The President and Vice-President, together with any one member of the council shall, unitedly, be able to place a veto upon any transaction or interests or affairs relating to this Association

2. The President and any three members of the committee shall, unitedly, possess the same powers and privileges: and these parties shall be empowered to call, at any time, a special general meeting of the Association.

Alteration of fundamental Laws.

IV.—1. No question affecting the fundamental laws of the society shall be entertained either in the council, or annual, or special general meeting, except proposed by a member of the council.

2. None of the fundamental laws shall be altered, and no additional one made except approved first by a majority of the council, and afterwards past at the general annual or special meeting of the Association.

Election of Members.

V. Any person or persons shall be eligible as members of this Association, who are recom-

mended by the clergyman of the district or parish in which he or they live, or by any two members of the council. The election of members is vested in the council, and a majority of votes in their favor shall ensure their election.

Extension to Netherthong and Thurstonland.

VI. The advantages of this Association shall be extended to the inhabitants of Netherthong and Thurstonland.

Mode of operation.

VII. In carrying out its object, this society shall accumulate and sustain a Library of Ecclesiastical and general Literature,—promote the delivery of Lectures on subjects in accordance with the objects of this society, maintain a Reading-Room for the members, and provide such classes for instruction in reading, writing, mathematics, mechanics, and the arts and sciences, as may seem to them from time to time advisable.

Limitation of Instruction, &c.

VIII. That no book nor paper shall be admitted, no lectures nor instructions given, nor any sentiment by any means insinuated, opposed to the doctrines of the Church of England, as taught in her liturgies, articles, and homilies, as interpreted in the natural sense and literal signification.

Expulsion of Members.

IX. Any member of the Association persisting in disseminating or insinuating whatever is opposed

to the foregoing rule, or conducting himself in an unbecoming manner, shall, after being duly warned by the President, and any two members of the council, (such warning being conveyed in writing,) be expelled by a majority of the council, or by the President and any three members of the council.

Subscription and right of Presentation.

X. That a subscription of Three Shillings per Quarter shall entitle any person duly approved of by the council, to all the privileges of this society, such person not being of the labouring classes, and shall have the right of presenting one person above fourteen years of age to the benefits of the institution for each twelve shillings per annum so subscribed.

Subscription of the Labouring Classes.

XI. Any person, being one of the labouring class and duly approved of by the council, shall enjoy all the privileges of this society upon the payment of One Shilling and Sixpence per Quarter.

Subscriptions to the Library.

XII. Any person duly approved of by the council, may, upon the payment of One Shilling and Sixpence per Quarter, have the use of the Library ; or being one of the labouring classes, for Ninepence per Quarter, shall have the same privilege.

Friends introduced to Lectures.

XIII. Any member may introduce a female friend to the gratuitous lectures.

THE LIBRARY.

Library Committee.

XIV. The library shall be under the direction of a committee consisting of five members of the council, of whom the President and Vice-President shall be two, together with the Clergy of the graveship, Netherthong and Thurstonland.

By-Laws for Library.

XV. This committee shall have power to make by-laws for the regulation of the library, provided always that such by-laws be consistent with the spirit and intention of this Institution.

Amount of Funds for Library.

XVI. Not less than one-third of the annual funds of the Institution, exclusive of subscriptions solely to the library, shall be expended in the formation and gradual extension of the library; and not more than one-third of this said fund shall, during any one year, be expended on works of fiction.

LECTURES.

Regulation of Lectures & Tickets of Admission

XVII. No Lectures shall be delivered but with the sanction of the council. Each member of the Association shall have a ticket entitling him to attend the usual course of gratuitous lectures.—These tickets not transferable. Any breach of this

rule shall subject the author to the fine of One Shilling or expulsion, at the option of the committee

THE READING-ROOM.

Hours the Reading-Room Open

XVIII. The Reading-Room shall be opened from Six until Ten every evening, Sunday excepted.

The Committee.

XIX. The Reading-Room shall be under the management of a Committee of not less than Seven Persons, to be elected by the council; four of these shall be members of the council,—the whole number to be elected by the council.

The By-Laws.

XX. This Committee shall have power to make By-Laws for the regulation of the Reading-Room; such By-Laws being consistent with the spirit and intention of this Association.

THE CLASSES.

Committee of Classes.

XXI. The Classes for instruction shall be under the direction of a Committee, formed, regulated, and elected as the preceding.

Voluntary Classes.

XXII. The members and subscribers shall be at liberty to form themselves into classes, under approved masters, for their mutual benefit and general improvement, with the sanction and under the direction of the committee of classes.

The Dissolution of the Association to originate in the Council.

XXIII. That no proposition for the dissolution of this Institution shall be entertained, unless sanctioned by at least two-thirds of the entire council,—the council being specially convened for this purpose.

The Dissolution to be sanctioned by two-thirds of the Association.

XXIV. This society shall not be dissolved, unless two-thirds of the entire council assent to the proposition being made to the annual meeting; nor shall any dissolution then take place, unless two-thirds of the entire Association signify, in writing, their wish to that effect.

Distribution of the Library.

XXV. In case of the Dissolution of this Association, the library shall be divided according to the judgment of the council, among the various Churches whose clergymen are within the provisions of this society; and such apportioned books shall constitute "A Permanent Parochial Library" for their respective districts. The clergy of each

district shall be allowed to exchange any of the books for others of equal value, and add to them according to their discretion.

Distribution of other Property.

XXVI. All other property of this society, shall, upon its dissolution, be disposed of as a majority of the general annual meeting deciding upon the dissolution shall ordain, provided always, if a division amongst the members shall be decided upon, each member shall have an equal amount for his share ; and none shall have more or less than another.

The Chairman.

XXVII. In all meetings of the council and of the committees, and all public meetings of the society, the President shall preside ; and in his absence, the Vice-President, and in the absence of both these, such other member of the council or committee as the majority of those present, shall elect

The Subscriptions due Quarterly or Monthly.

XXVIII. The subscriptions shall be collected quarterly or monthly, in advance. Any member being more than six months in arrears shall cease to derive any benefit from this Association, unless by special permission of the President.

The Annual Meeting.

XXIX. That the annual meeting, of the members of this society shall be held on the First Friday in February, at eight o'clock in the evening.

at the rooms of the society, for the purpose of auditing the accounts, election of officers, and transaction of special or general business.

Rules to be Printed and Distributed.

XXX. These laws shall be printed, and every member shall, when elected, possess and pay for a copy.

The fundamental Laws defined.

XXXI. That the before recited XXX Laws do constitute the fundamental laws of this Association.



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